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Slew Rate Control Of Output Drivers Using Fets With Different Threshold Voltage

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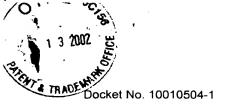
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FOR: SLEW RATE CONTROL OF OUTPUT DRIVERS USING FETS WITH DIFFERENT THRESHOLD VOLTAGES

INVENTORS: Humphrey

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2002, please amend the

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above-identified patent application and consider the remarks as follows:

<u>Amendments</u>

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for reducing the slew rate of transition edges of a digital signal on a node of an integrated circuit comprising:

connecting a first switchably conductive device characterized by a first threshold voltage between said node and avoltage source, said first switchably conductive device responsive to a first input signal to allow current conduction from said voltage source to said node when said first input signal is offset from said voltage source by a voltage substantially equal to and greater than said first threshold voltage and to disallow said current conduction when said first input signal is offset from said voltage source by a voltage less than said first threshold voltage;

connecting a second switchably conductive device characterized by a second threshold voltage greater than said first threshold voltage between said node and said voltage source, said second switchably conductive device responsive to a

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